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REMARKS:

By this Amendment, claims 1-13 currently pending in the international application have

been amended, and new claims 14-20 have been added, in order to remove multiple dependency

and to more clearly define the invention under U.S. rules.

The contents of the priority application Austrian App. Ser. No. GM463/2002 filed July

11, 2002, and the international application PCT/AT03/00195 filed July 10, 2003, are herein

incorporated by reference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this

communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the

attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in

connection with this application.

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